

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. No claims have been amended, deleted, or added, leaving claims 1-14 for consideration upon entry of the present Response. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner has stated that the language “blends thereof, or a combination comprising at least one of the foregoing polymers” is indefinite.

Independent claims 1, 11, and 12 contain the language “a polycarbonate, an aromatic polycarbonate, a (co)polyestercarbonate, an aromatic (co)polyestercarbonate, blends thereof, or a combination comprising at least one of the foregoing polymers.” The Applicants respectfully contend that the language is not indefinite, especially when read in view of the Application, particularly paragraphs [0018] and [0033] of the Application as originally filed:

[0018] The thermoplastic polymer is preferably polycarbonate, including aromatic polycarbonate, a polyester, a (co)polyester carbonate, copolymers of aromatic polycarbonates, or blends thereof including blends with other thermoplastics resins. . . .

[0033] Blends of PC with other compatible polymers may also be used in the present compositions. Examples of such polymers include polybutylene terephthalate, butadiene styrene rubbers like MBS rubber. . .

Accordingly, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand the claim language to mean that the composition comprises a polycarbonate, an aromatic polycarbonate, a (co)polyestercarbonate, or an aromatic (co)polyestercarbonate; a blend containing two or more of a polycarbonate, an aromatic polycarbonate, a (co)polyestercarbonate, and an aromatic (co)polyestercarbonate; or a combination comprising one or more of a polycarbonate, an aromatic polycarbonate, a (co)polyestercarbonate, or an aromatic (co)polyestercarbonate

combined with another component (e.g, in combination with another thermoplastic resin (See paragraph [0018])). The combination is not of a single polymer alone, but at least one of a polycarbonate, an aromatic polycarbonate, a (co)polyestercarbonate, or an aromatic (co)polyestercarbonate combined with another component. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and removal of the § 112 rejection.

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The Applicants wish to extend their appreciation to the Examiner for considering the art cited in the Forms PTO-1449 filed June 17, 2004; February 14, 2005; June 14, 2005; July 29, 2005; and October 26, 2005. It is noted, however, that the Applicants had filed a Form PTO-1449 on January 30, 2004 (three pages). It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the art cited therein and return an initialed copy of the form in the next substantive action.

It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0893.

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